

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H11479–80, H11480, H11481. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2009

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2708, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2009. Testimony was heard from Yvette Roubideaux, M.D., Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The High Cost of Small Business Health Insurance: Limited Options, Limited Coverage.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION AGENCY ACT OF 2009

Committee on Financial Assistance: Continued mark up of the Discussion Draft of the Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009 (to be reported as H.R. 3126, Consumer Financial Protection Agency Act of 2009).

Will continue tomorrow.

GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing on Girls in the Juvenile Justice System: Strategies to Help Girls Achieve Their full Potential. Testimony was heard from Eileen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; Thomas Stickrath, Director, Department of Youth Services, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1672, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Authorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 2548, Keep America’s Waterfronts Working Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Pingree; David M. Kennedy, Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES ADVISORY COMMITTEES EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “National Archives: Advisory Committees and their Effectiveness.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: Sharon Fawcett, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries; and Martha Morphy, Chief Information Officer; Robert Flaak, Director, Committee Management Secretariat, GSA; and Christopher Greer, Assistant Director, Information Technology, R&D, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

SPACE TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3585, the “Solar Technology Roadmap Act.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science and Technology shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Science and Technology or his designee. Finally, the rule provides that the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Gordon and Representatives Titus and Hall of Texas.

YOUNG-ELDERLY—SPECIAL NEEDS DISASTER CARE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on Looking Out for the Very Young, the Elderly and Others with Special Needs: Lessons from Katrina and other Major Disasters. Testimony was heard from Tim Manning, Deputy Administrator, National Preparedness, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine space, focusing on the value, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the costs and benefits for energy consumers and energy prices associated with the allocation of greenhouse gas emission allowances, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider the nominations of Craig Becker, of Illinois, Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, and Brian Hayes, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, and Marvin Krislov, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, and Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, Martha L. Minow, of Illinois, John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, and Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine H1N1 flu, focusing on monitoring the nation's response, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jane Branstetter Stranch, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Benjamin B. Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 977, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war, S. 1109, to provide veterans with individualized notice about available benefits, to streamline application processes or the benefits, S. 1118, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 1155, to amend title 38,

United States Code, to establish the position of Director of Physician Assistant Services within the office of the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for health, S. 1204, to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 to require the provision of chiropractic care and services to veterans at all Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, S. 1237, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, S. 1302, to provide for the introduction of pay-for-performance compensation mechanisms into contracts of the Department of Veterans Affairs with community-based outpatient clinics for the provisions of health care services, S. 1394, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge the receipt of medical, disability, and pension claims and other communications submitted by claimants, S. 1427, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, S. 1429, to establish a commission on veterans and members of the Armed Forces with post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or other mental health disorders, to enhance the capacity of mental health care providers to assist such veterans and members, to ensure such veterans are not discriminated against, S. 1444, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of "combat with the enemy" for purposes of service-connection of disabilities, S. 1467, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide coverage under Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for adverse reactions to vaccinations administered by the Department of Defense, S. 1483, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, as the "Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic", S. 1518, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, S. 1531, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs the position of Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Logistics, and Construction, S. 1547, to amend title 38, United States Code, and the United States Housing Act of 1937 to enhance and expand the assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to homeless veterans and veterans at risk of homelessness, S. 1556, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies, S. 1607, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain rights and benefits for persons who are absent from positions of employment to receive medical treatment for service-connected disabilities, and S. 1668, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the inclusion of certain active duty service in the reserve components as qualifying service for purposes of